

Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee (OEAC)

Meeting Minutes June 5, 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Ray Kissel, Chair
Barbara North
Julie Banks
Susan Bragg

William Cooper
Alexander Kemp
Ryan Wallis
Renee Cotton

Absent:

Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Marimpietri

P.A. Larose
E. Waldinsperger
W. Thurber

Staff Present:

Jennifer Mutton, Administration

Suzanne Elston, Sr. Environmental
Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R. Cotton

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

3. Review of Previous Minutes

Moved by: R. Wallis

That the May 1, 2008 minutes be approved.

CARRIED.

4. Introduction of New OEAC Member

Lindsay Code was appointed by Council to fill the vacancy created by Ronald Campbell's resignation on Monday, June 2nd. S. Elston will forward the details to J. Mutton for addition to the Roster.

OEAC discussed appointing a member at large or a special advisor which would have no voting privileges, etc. however would be able to provide assistance to the sub-committees.

Moved by: A. Kemp

"That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory committee recommend to the Development Services Committee that a Special Advisor be appointed to the OEAC, namely Joan Kerr, and that the Special Advisory appointed, not be granted voting privileges."

CARRIED.

5. Standing Issues

➤ **Bottled Water**

- i. S. Elston provided an update to the Committee and indicated that the OEAC Motion went before the Development Services Committee and the recommendation was that the City Clerk would be investigating the water bottle issue for Council
- ii. S. Elston indicated that the Environmental Cabinet will be asked to make recommendations regarding the sale of stainless steel water bottles to staff.

➤ **Cycling**

- i. Deferred to next meeting when P.A. Larose is in attendance.

➤ **Provincial EAC - Update**

- i. S. Elston provided an update regarding the Provincial EAC forum.
 - An invitation (date placeholder) was e-mailed to all previous years participants
 - Agenda is currently being drafted
 - Jubilee has been confirmed for the Saturday sessions
 - Fundraising efforts are encouraging and some very generous donations have been received.
 - OEAC members have agreed to host a tent at Canada Day to:
 - promote the Provincial EAC
 - promote the City's environmental initiatives
 - sell water bottles to raise funds for Provincial EAC

6. Sub-Committees

- Ethanol Public Meeting
 - Public Meeting, Monday, June 16, 2008 at the GM Centre
 - Sub-Committee to arrange a meeting after the Public Meeting
- Zero Waste to Landfill
 - Deferred until E. Waldinsperger is in attendance

7. Correspondence Items

Correspondence was reviewed by the Chair and the following items were discussed:

- Eco-Action Team for Earth Day Partnering; Ms. Joan Kerr asking for the City's participation as a Team member – referred to Suzanne

Moved by: A. Kemp

"That Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to the Development Services Committee that the appropriate staff investigate the feasibility of Earth Day Partnering with the Eco Action Team.

CARRIED.

- Private Tree Protection Update – received for information only.

8. Other Business

- **Environmental Checklist**
 - A. Kemp reported that Woodcrest Public School sent home an Environmental Checklist with their students so the parents and children could survey their home to see how environmentally conscious they have been.

- **Pesticides - Alternatives**
 - S. Bragg indicated that several neighbours in her area are looking for alternatives to the pesticides they have used in the past. Can OEAC provide more information on alternatives – refer them to Community Services – Tanya Steffler.

- **Eco-lawns**
 - R. Cotton spoke about lawns that do not require cutting; seven different fescues were identified.

- **CAW Retirees Picnic**
 - S. Elston reported that the organizers of the CAW Retiree's picnic (June 10) want to go garbage-less and will source separate under the tents.
 - Suggestion to Facility Booking staff, make waste management part of the rental agreement

9. Next Meeting

The Chair called a meeting for Thursday, July 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

OEAC Listing of Motions

Meeting	2007 Motions
Sep. 07	<p>Moved by: A. Kemp, Seconded by: R. Cotton “THAT the Oshawa Environmental Action Committee recommend to the Development Services Committee that prior to the passing of a City of Oshawa Pesticide By-law, a public process option be pursued together with Stakeholders, Contractors, and the Regional Health Department;</p> <p>AND THAT an educational component is made available to the public in relating the reasons and strategies for the ban and/or reduction of the use of pesticides in the City of Oshawa. CARRIED.</p>
Oct. 07	<p>Moved by: E. Waldinsberger, Seconded by P.A. Larose “THAT the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee requests that Oshawa City Council and the Durham Region Members of Council defer any vote or decision on the preferred site for the incinerator (Osborne Road, Courtice, Ontario) until the DRAFT Environmental Assessment under the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act has been prepared and circulated for comment to all affected agencies.</p> <p>AND FURTHER, that the EA should include all alternatives be reviewed with their impact on the surrounding municipalities”. CARRIED.</p>
Nov. 07	<p>Moved by: T.D. Marimpietri, Seconded by E. Waldinsberger “That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee receives the presentation by Jeff Brooks regarding Smart Commute, from the Region of Durham;</p> <p>AND THAT the OEAC endorse this motion and refer it to the Commissioner of Development Services to consider the proposal of establishing a Smart Commute program within the City of Oshawa;</p> <p>AND THAT, CUPE Locals 250 and 251 are requested to comment as a courtesy to their Membership”. CARRIED.</p>
Nov. 07	<p>Moved by: W. Thurber, Seconded by A. Kemp “That correspondence from Giffels Associates Limited is referred to Ron Foster, City of Oshawa Auditor General for comment.” CARRIED.</p>
Nov. 07	<p>Moved by: T.D. Marimpietri Seconded by: P.A. Larose “THAT the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee requests that through the Strategic Initiatives Committee all policies new and/or revised pertaining to the environment be received through the Committee for review and comment, in the same manner as the Oshawa Accessibility Coordinating Committee.” CARRIED.</p>
Nov. 07	<p>Moved by: T.D. Marimpietri Seconded by: A. Kemp “That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee requests through the Strategic Initiatives Committee that Council be requested to keep the OEAC informed with regard to the City Hall Master Plan”. CARRIED.</p>
Dec. 07	<p>Moved by: PA Larose, seconded by E. Waldinsperger</p>

	The members of the OEAC wish to acknowledge the impressive sustainable practices demonstrated in the LIVCOM presentation and acknowledge that it reflects the long-term environmental vision pursued by City Council. CARRIED.
Dec. 07	Moved by: E. Waldinsperger, seconded by PA Larose “That Community Services staff be requested to prepare a semi-annual report that outlines monitoring, enforcement and public education related to the City’s anti-idling by-law.” CARRIED.
Dec. 07	Moved by: Erwin Waldinsperger, seconded by Julie Banks “That Staff be requested to make a presentation to the OEAC regarding the City’s anti idling by-law and its enforcement.” CARRIED.

2008 MOTIONS

Jan. 08	Moved by: A. Kemp, seconded by J. Banks “That the OEAC members wish to acknowledge the excellent and encouraging draft City of Oshawa Trails Development Plan, and further endorse the Plan’s recommendation, in principle, incorporating the OEAC’s comments and suggestions.” CARRIED.
Jan. 08	Moved by: A. Kemp, seconded by R. Cotton “That OEAC endorse the 2007 OEAC Work Plan and Draft Annual Report, as amended, and that J. Mutton forward the Work Plan and Draft Report to the Development Services Committee for their information”. CARRIED.
Jan. 08	Moved by:, E. Waldinsperger, Seconded by: R. Cotton “That members of the OEAC are concerned with the lack of Council attendance at the regularly scheduled OEAC meetings and feel that Council’s attendance would improve the effectiveness of the Committee.” CARRIED.
Mar. 08	Moved by B. Nicholson, Seconded by T. Marimpietri That OEAC recommend to City Council that, Council pass a motion to the Province of Ontario endorsing the Provincial initiative prohibiting the banning of clotheslines; AND THAT, Council forward the motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. CARRIED.
Mar. 08	Moved by P.A. Larose Whereas the sidewalks in Oshawa are often in an unsafe condition long after a snow fall as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not being cleared by residents owning adjacent properties; • Being obstructed by snow removed from driveways; • Having snow windrows at numerous street intersections that effectively block their access; and Whereas we have significant concerns about the impact of City road clearing policies; The OEAC hereby requests the City Administration to promptly address the situation by bringing to the attention of Community Services the following issues, namely that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalk clearing be considered at least as essential as roadway clearing; • Enforcement of citizens snow clearing obligations be performed; • A procedure be developed to avoid obstructing sidewalks when clearing streets; and • OEAC be involved in the proposed policies for consultation purposes. CARRIED.
Apr. 2008	Moved by: W. Thurber Whereas the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee is aware of the plastic bottled water

	<p>concerns;</p> <p>Whereas the use provides a negative image with respect to the City's municipal water system;</p> <p>Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Oshawa take all available opportunities to publicize the negative environmental and health consequences of individual serving size containers of water and other beverages,</p> <p>And, to promote economic and environmental savings at all meetings of Council, Committees and Sub-Committees by removing individual servings of beverages and replace with pitchers; carafes, and bulk containers of beverage and encourage the use of reusable cups, mugs and other containers. CARRIED.</p>
May 2008	<p>Moved by: E. Waldinsperger</p> <p>THAT the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee request through the Development Services committee that staff provide the proper due approval process for the citing of the proposed Ethanol Plant that the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments must undertake.</p> <p>Further, staff investigate the location of other Ethanol plants that are operating, the process for which these plants undertook and where within the municipality they are situated. CARRIED.</p>
May 2008	<p>Moved by: P. A. Larose</p> <p>Whereas there is a need for functional and utilitarian cycling in the City of Oshawa, particularly during the mild-weather months;</p> <p>Whereas such cycling facilities must provide for personal safety by physically segregating the pathways between motorized vehicles and cyclists;</p> <p>Whereas such facilities must also ensure the personal security of cyclists by running through built-up and well light areas;</p> <p>Whereas the availability of such facilities would lead to tangible environmental, quality of life and public health benefits, thus making Oshawa a progressive contributor in this area;</p> <p>The OEAC hereby recommends that the City Administration instruct Community Services to address the issue of making cycling a means of SAFE AND FUNCTIONAL TRANSPORTATION by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implementing the Core Link on Athol Street from the Knights of Columbus Park (at Farewell St.) in the East, to City Hall (at Centre St.) in the West, with a completion date before August 2008. CARRIED.
June 2008	<p>Moved by: A. Kemp</p> <p>"That Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to the Development Services Committee that the appropriate staff investigate the feasibility of Earth Day Partnering with the Eco Action Team.</p> <p>CARRIED.</p>
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